

Appl. No. 10/620,778

Response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2008

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : James Pate
Appl. No. : 10/620,778
Filed : July 15, 2003
Art Unit : 2876
Examiner : St. Cyr, Daniel
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY
TRACKING AND COMMUNICATING DATA STORAGE
DEVICE INFORMATION USING RF TAGS: OPERATING
CONDITION, CONFIGURATION AND LOCATION
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Date: July 31, 2008

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2008 for which the
three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on August 5, 2008.

While Applicant believes that no extension of time for response is necessary, should the Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow are respectfully requested.